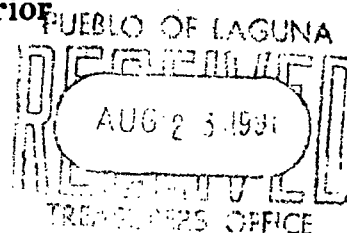


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Memorandum

To: Chief, Division of Energy and Minerals
From: Superintendent
Subject: FY 1992 Funding Proposal, Energy and Mineral Resources
Evaluation Planning Study

This is submitted as Laguna Agency's endorsement of the FY 1992 Funding Proposal prepared by U.S. Geological Survey by and through which, should it receive funding, a Mineral Evaluation Planning Study will be prepared for the Laguna Indian Reservation in New Mexico.

On the Laguna Indian Reservation, uranium, the main mineral mainstay, is no longer mined and activity is now in reclamation phase. With the cessation of uranium mining operations, we believe that the U.S. Geological Survey proposal for the compilation and preliminary analysis of data relevant to resources of gas, oil, and coal are the logical choices of minerals to evaluate. We believe that, should the mineral assessment be a positive report on potential of the mineral resource(s), the Pueblo of Laguna is very capable of using the U.S. Geological Study, plus and subsequent studies, to determine for themselves goals and objectives, priorities, of short and long term development.

The Pueblo of Laguna has acquired considerable amount of knowledge about mining activities, and have trained and experienced people who have worked at all levels when the mining was in operation. We believe these factors will be of great benefit to developmental management in dealing with the infrastructure of operating in oil, gas, and coal mining.

We recommend approval of the proposal prepared by U. S. Geological Survey to evaluate oil, gas, and coal potential on the Laguna Indian Reservation, and ask that the Review Committee give every consideration to funding this proposal.



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